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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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TITLE : **HEMMING APPARATUS AND METHOD**

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application. The initial period for responding to the Office Action issued August 1, 2003 expired on November 1, 2003.

The requested extension and appropriate small entity fee are as follows:

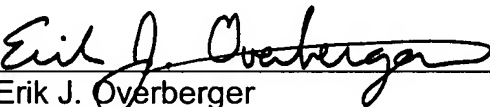
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A check in the amount of \$210.00 is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0308. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

Respectfully submitted,

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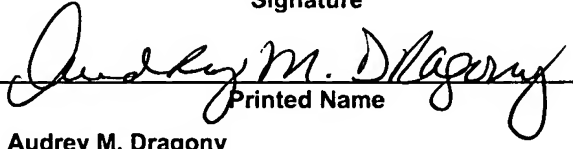
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